

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JULY 9, 1946

The Board of Public Works met on July 9, 1946, in the offices of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present:

Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

The Board took up the matter of allocations from the appropriation of \$500,000 in the Budget for the fiscal year 1947, to supplement the appropriations of various State Agencies requesting allotments from the General Emergency Fund for 1947.

A statement submitted by Mr. Kirkman showed requests for allotments from this Fund totaling \$750,607, without taking into consideration any allotment for the cost of the Survey on Higher Education, request of the Maryland State Fair Board, or for increased payments to hospitals from \$4.00 to \$5.00 for free patients per day.

The Statement submitted by Mr. Kirkman was divided into three groups:-

- 1 - Salary Scale Revisions, Reclassifications, Statutory Salaries and new positions, for which a total of \$229,939 was requested. The statement showed that of this total \$140,406 might possibly be deferred to February 1, 1947 and that of the total \$89,533 would be needed for items for the entire fiscal year 1947.
- 2 - Functions Financed in the Fiscal Year 1946, from the General Emergency Fund for that year, which it would be necessary to continue in 1947, these requests totaling \$128,353.
- 3 - New Items for the Fiscal Year 1947, and these new items requested total \$392,315.

As to the First Group, the Board was of the opinion that the only amount necessary to be considered at this time is that included in the total of \$89,533 for the entire fiscal year 1947. It was decided, however, that because of the impossibility of allotting all of the requests in full and the fact that the Budgets of the various State Agencies included in this group would be able to take care of their obligations until the General Assembly, at its 1947 Session, could make provision for furnishing whatever money is necessary beyond that which the Board would make available out of the 1947 General Emergency Fund at today's meeting, it would only be necessary to allot, as to these items totaling \$89,533 for the year, an amount equivalent to 7/12ths of that sum, which would take care of the requirements of the various State Agencies to receive the money, to the end of January 1947. Accordingly, the Board authorized allotments, in the case of the agencies in this group, the following amounts, representing 7/12ths of the amounts requested.

<u>State Agency</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
State Employment Commissioner	\$6,190.00	\$3,610.00 - \$3,612.00*
State Library	900.00	525.00
Division of Parole & Probation	12,591.00	7,344.00
Maryland Racing Commission	1,200.00	700.00)
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State Industrial Accident Commission	1,523.00	888.00 - 889.00*
Department of Tidewater Fisheries	6,080.00	3,546.00 - 3,547.00*
State Department of Health	6,348.00	3,703.00
State Aviation Commission	4,504.00	2,627.00
Department of Labor & Industry	3,449.00	2,011.00 - 3,449.00*
Maryland State Reformatory for Women	3,880.00	2,263.00
Eastern Shore State Hospital	4,965.00	2,896.00 - 2,708.00*
Department of Budget & Procurement	3,800.00	2,216.00 - 2,217.00*
Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds	7,630.00	4,450.00 - 7,630.00*
Maryland Training School for Boys	5,898.00	3,440.00

*Corrected to conform to Budget Amendment approved by the Governor.

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State Agency	Amount Requested	Amount Allowed
Maryland Training School for Colored Girls	\$2,685.00	\$1,566.00
State Teachers' College-Bowie	1,600.00	933.00 - eliminated*
University of Maryland-Marketing Extension	5,000.00	2,916.00
Cheltenham School for Boys	9,490.00	5,535.00 - \$5,536.00*
	\$89,533.00	\$52,219.00 - \$60,737.00*

As to the Second Group, the Board approved allotments in full in the following cases:-

Division of Parole & Probation-Operating Expenses	\$3,010.00
Real Estate Commission - Operating Expenses	500.00 - eliminated*
Maryland State Planning Commission - Hospital Survey	3,478.00
Department of Geology, Mines & Water Resources- Well Drillers Law	400.00

As to other items in the Second Group, the Board made allotments as follows:-

Miscellaneous Appropriations #2-Item #35 - Premiums on Bonds of State Tax Collectors	\$4,110.00
Maryland Disaster Relief Committee - 7/12ths of the \$3,616 which had been requested	2,109.00
Surplus War Property Department - The amount of \$8,650 had been requested by the department but the Board decided that because it would be possible to dispense with the activities of this Agency by July 31, 1946, it would only be necessary to allot enough money to take care of expenses to that date, and that \$650 would be adequate for this purpose.	650.00
Maryland Commission on Post War Reconstruction and Development - The Commission requested \$25,000, but since the Board decided that the activities of the Commission would be discontinued by the end of September 1946, the sum of \$6,250.00, representing one-quarter of the amount requested, would be all that would be necessary to take care of the expenses of the Commission to that date.	6,250.00
Miscellaneous Appropriations #2-Item #32 - World War II Records Division - The Commission doing this work requested \$22,000 for the year, the same amount allotted for the fiscal year 1946, but the Board felt that it would only be necessary at this meeting to allot enough money to take care of the needs of the Commission to January 31, 1947, and, therefore, allotted the sum of \$12,833, representing 7/12ths of the amount requested, with the expectation that the General Assembly, when it meets in January, will provide the necessary funds to continue the work of the Commission to the end of the 1947 Fiscal Year.	12,833.00 - \$12,837.00*
State Bank Commissioner-Industrial Finance Companies - The amount of \$19,678 was requested, but the Board felt it would only be necessary at this meeting to allocate enough money to take care of the needs of the department to January 31, 1947, and, therefore, allotted the sum of \$11,478, representing 7/12ths of the amount requested, with the expectation that the General Assembly, when it meets in January, will Provide the necessary funds to continue the work of the department to the end of the fiscal year.	11,478.00 - \$11,479.00*
	\$44,323.00*

As to the Third Group, new requests, the Board made the following allocations:-

Maryland State Guard - in lieu of the amount of \$97,184 which was requested.	\$90,000.00
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Military Department - For maintenance of Camp Ritchie, the Board allocated the sum of \$40,000 in lieu of the amount of \$59,244 which had been requested, but is making available at this time the sum of \$23,333, representing 7/12ths of \$40,000, which it is thought will be adequate for the year, with the expectation that the General Assembly, when it meets in January, will provide funds to continue the work of the department to the end of the year. \$23,333.00

Military Department - To supplement the 1947 Budget, the Board allocated \$25,000 in lieu of the \$32,000 requested and made available at this time 7/12ths of the \$25,000, it being felt this amount will be adequate for the year, with the expectation that the General Assembly, when it meets in January, will provide the necessary funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. 14,583.00

Morgan State College - for scholarship purposes. 15,000.00

Morgan State College - as an addition to the amount of general funds appropriated to the college for operating expenses for the fiscal year 1947, in accordance with request of the Board of Trustees of Morgan State College. 50,332.00

Real Estate Commission of Maryland 2,825.00 - \$2,092.*

State Aviation Commission - for the purchase of an automobile, as requested by the Commission. 1,200.00

Maryland Training School for Boys - in lieu of the request for an allocation of \$68,850. 8,500.00

As to other items in the Third Group, the Board allotted the following amounts, representing 7/12ths of the amounts requested, with the expectation that the General Assembly, at the 1947 Session, will provide the necessary funds to continue the work involved for the rest of the 1947 fiscal year: -

Maryland State Planning Commission-\$15,534 requested. \$9,061.00 - 9,062.*

Maryland State School for the Deaf-for teachers' salaries-\$7,800 requested. 4,550.00

St. Mary's Female Seminary - \$3,000 requested. 1,750.00

Maryland Training School for Colored Girls - \$8,550 requested. 4,987.00 - 4,988.*

Montrose School for Girls - \$9,036 requested. 5,271.00 - 8,000.*

State Employment Commissioner - \$4,000 requested. 2,333.00 - 2,334.*

As to the group headed "Contingent Requests", the Board allocated the sum of \$15,000 to cover expenses of a survey in connection with higher education, with the understanding that if this amount is inadequate the Governor will be able to supplement it thru the use of funds available to him in the Budget for Expenses of Surveys and Commissions.

\$15,000.00

Also, the Board allocated to the Maryland State Fair Board the sum of -

20,000.00.

~~\$365,762.00~~ - \$375,784.*

TOTAL-

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a statement showing bids received by the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium for the erection of a Physicians' Cottage at Mount Wilson to house two physicians and their families. The statement showed that bids had been received from five contractors and that the low bid of \$36,467 was from The Lacchi Construction Company, Baltimore, Maryland. Inasmuch as the housing facilities which this cottage would provide at Mount Wilson are badly needed, it was requested by the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium that they be authorized to award contract to the low bidder. The cost of the work would be taken care of thru the use of \$10,000 allocated to the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium for the construction of a cottage at Mount Wilson, with the difference to come from the unexpended balance in the maintenance appropriation of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatoria for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946, this difference being \$26,467 plus the architect's fee of 6% on the amount of the contract.

The request of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium that they be authorized to award a contract to The Lacchi Construction Company, in the amount \$36,467.00, was approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from Crownsville State Hospital that the hospital be authorized to instruct the architects to prepare plans and specifications for an Attendants' Building, for which money is included in the Post War Construction Program, which could be arranged as temporary quarters for physicians until it will be possible to erect cottages for the physicians.

The request was approved.

CHELTENHAM SCHOOL FOR BOYS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from Cheltenham School for Boys that they be authorized to obtain bids for replacing the two barns at the school which had been destroyed since the first of the year.

As to the larger barn, the plans and specifications used for that barn when it was built several years ago are in existence and the intention is to rebuild this barn according to the original plans and specifications.

As to the other barn which was destroyed, there are no plans for it in existence, it having been built some years ago.

The Board approved the duplication of plans for the first mentioned barn and the drawing of new plans and specifications for the other barn. As to the first barn, the architects, Ross and Walton, said there would be no charge for the preparation of the plans and specifications except for the cost of photostating the original plans and specifications for use in connection with the construction of the new barn, but that the cost for the supervision of the work in the event of a contract being given would be on the basis of 2% of the contract price. As to the other barn, the regular fee of 6% for the architect on the basis of the cost of the barn would be in order.

The Board approved the getting on with the plans and specifications in accordance with the above and obtaining prices for the construction of the two barns, the bids to be submitted to the Board for consideration before any award of contract is made. The State received the sum of \$13,987.29 from insurance companies in settlement of the loss on the larger barn which was destroyed by fire on February 4, 1946; the State has not received settlement, up to this time, from the insurance companies for the loss of the other barn, which was destroyed by fire on May 23, 1946.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the fact that complaints have been received from several State Agencies that the salaries of State employees in some instances would be decreased in the fiscal year 1947 because of the operation of the Standard Salary Law, and the application of the provisions of Chapter 1083 of the Acts of 1945, commonly known as the Bonus Act. It was recommended that in the case of such employees the State would take the position that it was not intended that any employee should receive in 1947 less salary than was received by him in 1946, and that in cases where the application of the Standard Salary Law, involving increments or changes in salary scales, with the bonus law being considered, would have the effect of reducing the salary of an employee in 1947 as against the salary he received in 1946, the employee should continue to receive in 1947 salary equivalent to that received by him in 1946.

The recommendation was approved.

STATE EMPLOYEES:

The Board approved request for a further extension of sick leave in the case of Robert A. Norris, Chief Engineer, Springfield State Hospital, to September 30, 1946, if the condition of Mr. Norris does not allow him to return to duty before that date.

STATE TREASURER:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board report received from Mr. Hooper S. Miles, State Treasurer, as to the purchase of Government Bonds, as follows:

Purchased June 1, 1946 - \$1,000,000 U. S. Treasury 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness, due 6/1/47;
- \$2,000,000 U. S. Treasury 1½% Notes, due 9/15/48;
- \$2,000,000 U. S. Treasury 1½% Bonds, due 12/15/50,
to replace \$5,000,000 U. S. Treasury 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness which were due on June 1, 1946.

Purchased June 17, 1946 - \$50,000 U. S. Savings 2½% Bonds, Series G, due 6/1/58 for the State Accident Fund.

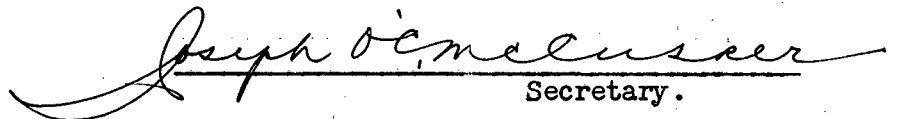
Purchased July 3, 1946 - \$50,000 U. S. Savings 2½% Bonds, Series G, due 7/1/58 for the State Accident Fund.

The Board approved Mr. Miles action in these transactions.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

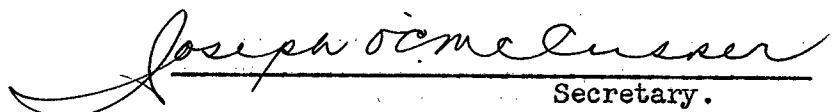
Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment of \$200.00 from the General Emergency Fund to increase the appropriation for the salary of the Probation Officer, W. Perry Bradley, by \$200.00 in the fiscal year 1947, instead of only \$100.00 as previously requested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

The Board approved an allotment of \$276.00 from the General Emergency Fund for the Department of State Forests and Parks, upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman.


Secretary.

